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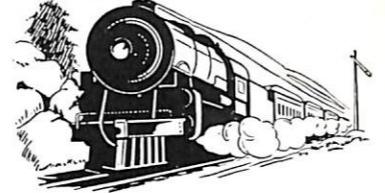
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## TRUTH

By GEORGE H. FREE, Algona, Iowa

Truth is eternal, all else meets decay,  
Earth's snow-capped peaks erode and melt away;  
The tide which bellows in with mounting waves,  
Receding, slinks back to its hidden caves.

Celestial orbs blaze forth; consumed and spent  
As meteoric dust through space are sent;  
Winds waste their force and die; naught life insures —  
Earth, water, fire, and air—yet Truth endures.

Grave Science errs, the wisdom of today,  
Tomorrow, proven false, is cast away;  
Art's hour is brief, the painter's tints e'er fade,  
The sculptor's marble in the dust is laid.

Man's story, graved on adamantine cliff,  
In pain-bought pictograph and petroglyph,  
Is weathered out, or, traced in etchings dull,  
His offspring find incomprehensible.

Back, back to chaos, scathless of the tooth  
Of Time, is seen the endless trail of Truth.  
Immutable, and heedless of assault,  
It marches down the ages without halt.

Then seek ye Truth, and finding hold it fast—  
Hope of the future, fruitage of the past,  
Stay for the aged, finger-post for youth,  
Faultless, impartial, God's eternal Truth!

# NEW ENGLAND MASONIC CRAFTSMAN

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**MASONIC ARCHITECTURE** Developing as it has from the operative Craft of Masonry, and a period of history which left its imperishable records in stone in the form of some of the most exquisite gems of architecture on the continent of Europe and in Great Britain, to the purely Speculative Craft, as Freemasonry is known today, it would seem that all buildings housing lodge rooms or used as official quarters of any nature under the control of Grand Lodges should typify the highest ideals of the building Craft.

And yet this is not always so. True, there are some beautiful examples of art in architecture in this country. Witness the House of the Temple at Washington, D. C., the fabric of the memorial to the first president now nearing completion at Shooter's Hill, Virginia, the Masonic Temple at Detroit, and a number of others which reflect high credit on the Craft. There are others which reflect no credit on their sponsors, however.

Among these as an architectural abnormality is the Masonic Home at Charlton, Massachusetts. Originally built in a most sightly location and on an elevation with superb views in all directions, intended as a hotel, and as such a very pleasing prospect, it has, by the additions made to it from time to time with funds left for that purpose, degenerated into a medley of lines and a variety of architectural aspects, that must give a true artist the horrors. It represents no particular school of architecture. Rather does it embrace the composite (?), that is, the composite as represented by some of the dubious in New England building styles.

Quite the contrary is the beautiful Juniper Hall at Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. There, perhaps as a compensation for the shortcomings of the Home, is a gem of a building, a credit to its creator, who in this case happened to be a private citizen by the name of Matthew Whithall.

This comment and criticism on things architectural is prompted by the receipt of a brochure describing in detail and with admirable illustrations the very charming and altogether beautiful building recently dedicated at Austin, Texas, known as The Scottish Rite Dormitory for Masonic Girls, for which Sam P. Cochran, eminent in Masonry in those parts, is responsible.

An architectural body of a consultant character could greatly help in the development of a unified and beautiful form of architecture which would typify the best in Freemasonry and serve as an enduring memorial to our times.

**SYMPOSIUM** The subject of this month's symposium, in which four editors in geographically strategic parts of the country participate, while listed on the agenda for July, is hardly a suitable one for that hot month. The risk of apoplexy or other evil fruits of high blood pressure are really too great—but the deed is done, and the brave Solons have said their say.

It is interesting to watch the workings of the different editorial minds on these monthly questions. Each writer states his views entirely independent of his confreres. Each exercises a balanced judgment in the matters under discussion. For that reason the symposium is invaluable, as these men have access to vastly larger than average sources of information, and in the daily course of their editorial activities come in contact with many problems; they are bound to sense the trend of Masonic thought.

Brother Rapp makes out an excellent case against a General Grand Lodge; Brother Fetterly and this writer incline to a central authority; Brother Morcombe is neutral, and therein is doubtless wise. And yet unless opinion is expressed, and backed by argument, we get nowhere. Sane, balanced judgment on such matters on the part of the whole Craft is what is needed, and better be decided by a plebiscite after arguments pro and con, intelligently and dispassionately set forth, had been laid before every individual member of the great fraternity. But this serious matter may well be left to the cool season. Let us turn now to thoughts of fields and woods, cool streams and shady nooks, the click of the niblick, of surf and shadow where cool winds blow and Nature is herself unblemished by man's careless hands.

A change is noted in the relief commissioner's office at Masonic Temple, Boston. M.W. Arthur D. Prince, aptly named and appreciated by hosts of friends and brethren, who recognize his sterling qualities of heart and head, has assumed the office of Relief Commissioner, in place of Dudley Hays Ferrell, P.G.M. who retires to attend to other duties in the ministry. The CRAFTSMAN congratulates the Craft on its good fortune and predicts an increased efficiency in this very important branch of Masonry's Work.

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# Is A General Grand Lodge Desirable?

## A Monthly Symposium

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### IS A GENERAL GRAND LODGE DESIRABLE?

By ALFRED H. MOORHOUSE  
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**T**RULY this is a large and contentious question which is asked, and if a definite and direct reply were required we would be tempted to answer "yes" right off, as indicating our personal predilection.

Only a bare outline of this important subject can be discussed in this article however.

The reasons justifying a general grand lodge: that is a unified body embracing representatives of all the 49 jurisdictions in the United States, are many and varied.

By and large Freemasonry is universal in its application, and while matters of sectional juris-

prudence and purely local interest inevitably come to mind when this subject of a general grand lodge is thought of, are not these smaller questions susceptible of solution, and quite possibly of abler solution, when handled in the light of a more detached perspective than is always possible in the smaller unit?

It will be generally agreed that States Governments are desirable, if not entirely essential to the well-being of the country, and yet no one will deny that a central or federal government is absolutely necessary to the proper conduct of public affairs. Chaos would inevitably result from abandonment of the present system of government in this country.

Grave questions involving national and international matters inevitably arise in the life of an organization as powerful as that of Freemasonry. These can, in the writer's opinion, be handled only in a national or international way, by responsible representatives of all the units in the entire country. History affords illustrations of the weakness of Freemasonry's position in matters of international moment where unified action was unobtainable, and the credit of the Craft has suffered as a result. It is a painful subject.

Of course it will be argued that a general grand lodge would have a tendency to build up an organization of hierarchical or bureaucratic nature, usurping state powers and placing tremendous responsibility in few hands, but that need not be. Could not the good sense of the organization be depended upon to prevent such a situation?

In England the United Grand Lodge has jurisdiction over many and widely separated units throughout the British Commonwealth of Nations. In its govern-

mental aspects it has served admirably. While dissension has arisen at remote intervals in the past, in the main the present Grand Lodge at London is a most admirable institution, the natural outgrowth of a desire to discover above all the best means for serving the Craft universally and without discrimination.

The motto "he best can work who best agrees" strikingly signifies its efforts.

It is recognized that there is opposition on the part of many in this country to a general grand lodge; in fact harsh words have been uttered against it by its opponents, many of which have been most unconvincing. The pressure of events may, we believe, in time force its realization, however. Meanwhile it will not be amiss to have the subject discussed in a spirit of fairness and truth so that when the day does arrive for unified Masonic action in matters of national or international import we shall be found not unprepared for it.

### IS A GENERAL GRAND LODGE DESIRABLE?

By Jos. E. MORCOMBE  
*Editor Masonic World, San Francisco*

**O**UR good brother of Milwaukee has given us a topic that has been mooted for many years, without exhausting the disputants. In fact such a proposal was put forward even before achievement of a separate national existence. We find the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1780, endorsing such project, and naming General George Washington as head of the national body in mind. For many years thereafter there were urgings to action of this sort, the Grand Lodge of South Carolina being the most persistent.

But the jealousies of the various state organizations were sufficient to keep the brethren apart, and the several attempts to bring together representatives of the Grand Lodges proved abortive. As the number of jurisdictions increased, and the idea of state sovereignty became part of the national thought and subject of controversy, the original difficulties in the way of organizing a ruling or supervisory body of the Craft were increased. Now the idea is recognized as having hardly more than academic interest, and is not among the practical matters of Craft discussion.

The few who still advocate a General Grand Lodge urge the resulting advantages of uniformity, especially in the ritual and procedure of Lodges. Even this is of



doubtful value. The "Mother Grand Lodge" of England very wisely refuses to establish a form of working to which all must conform. This would be easy in such a small country and with a homogeneous people. By leaving the Lodges free in this matter many variants in expression are preserved, to the delectation of students, and giving useful hints to the historian. There uniformity, lack of which is bewailed as a misfortune in the United States, is by our British brethren accounted undesirable.

A number of conventions were held during the nineteenth century, having uniformity in mind. These were attended for the most part by grand lecturers or their equivalents of the time. Each one of these was convinced that his peculiar rendering of ritual was the only pure and unadulterated version, not varying in jot or tittle from that prepared and handed down by King Solomon. Then and since every ignoramus who has tinkered the work is certain that any outside changes would, if allowed, entail sure disaster upon the Craft.

State sovereignty in Masonry is a settled fact, not to be lightly disturbed. The American jurisdictions are held together by a comity that is of the unwritten law, and harmony prevails. If there is, as often declared, political methods employed in the Grand Lodges, what would be the possibilities for schemes and plottings and unfraternal rivalries to fill the offices and gain control of a body having such great potentialities? And such contests, being far removed from scrutiny of the brethren, could not be easily checked. The professional politician, not altogether unknown in Masonry under present conditions, would doubtless find the enlarged field one in which he could operate to personal advantage, but not to the benefit of the fraternity.

In our opinion the bulk of American Masons, used to and fairly well satisfied with existing relationships, will "rather bear the ills they have than fly to others that they know not of."

#### EMPHATICALLY ENDORSED

By J. A. FETTERLY

*Editor Masonic Tidings, Milwaukee*

JUST why it is that any proposal relative to the formation of a General Grand Lodge of Freemasonry in the United States or even a discussion of the subject, should cause Masonic authorities (so-called) to "throw fits" in their vehement opposition is, to this writer, a puzzle. That they do so is unquestioned. If this be doubted, just mention the subject in the presence of some Past Grand Master and watch his blood pressure begin its upward climb.

In a moment his face becomes flushed, he becomes incoherent with the rush of caustic thoughts and still more caustic language and soon he is only "fit to be tied." Any day now, I half expect to hear the ancient Landmarks brought in as "clearly opposed" to the nefarious scheme.



Considering the subject, one is sometimes reminded of the wordy battles fought by our forefathers over the question of the adoption of our constitution. That proposal also called for the voluntary yielding of certain rights or liberties by a state to a central, unified power.

Like some of our own Masonic elders, Richard Henry Lee, Samuel Adams, yes and even Patrick Henry himself, saw chaos or worse approaching should the proposal be adopted. Week after week of debate, of charges and counter-charges, and at times, it is reported, physical clashes, proceeded before even the delegates could be brought to agreement. Then came the harder fight of securing the formal consent of the states they each represented.

As a matter of fact one state—Rhode Island—never has formally ratified the constitution to this day.

Today all agree, however, that the formation of a strong central government in 1787-88 in all human probability saved the United States to posterity. Under the articles of confederation each state was virtually a supreme power. There was little or no co-operation. As a result, there was little or no progress.

After each state yielded a moiety of its sovereignty to a central authority, there was immediate improvement, almost instant progress and the nation as a whole has been marvelously benefited.

Is not the above a fair simile?

We contend that with the formation of a central, general or national grand lodge, with each state body surrendering a tittle of its authority, Masonry will be immeasurably strengthened in both prestige and influence; also the several state grand lodges would themselves be benefited.

Every branch of Masonry, Royal Arch, Knights Templar, Royal and Select Masters, as well as the Scottish Rite, has its central or controlling body. Symbolic Masonry, the parent body, has a lot of tails but no head. There is no one body that can proclaim with an authoritative voice, "thus saith Masonry." What is Masonic law in one jurisdiction is questionable or illegal in another; that which is good Masonry in one, is bad Masonry in another. It may be a Masonic offense to visit a lodge recognized by one jurisdiction but not by another.

There is no one standard governing recognition of foreign grand lodges: "confusion worse confounded" adequately describes it. The same is true as regards the different state rituals.

Nothing here has been said of the chaotic situation in war time. Memory recalls Masonry's pitiable and melancholy plight in the late World War when our request for permission to minister to our brothers under arms or in hospitals was refused because the government had not the time or inclination to correspond and deal with 49 different grand jurisdictions. With one central, responsible governing body, Masonry could have played that part which its members were so anxious to have it play.

Think on these and other phases of this subject, my brethren, and then let your voices be heard!

#### NO NEED FOR A GENERAL GRAND LODGE

By W.M. C. RAPP  
*Editor Masonic Chronicler, Chicago*

**I**N discussing what benefits would accrue from the establishment of a General Grand Lodge it is necessary to consider the scope and general latitude to be allowed, the limitations and restrictions to be specified, and the power and authority to be vested in such a body.

Let us consider a General Grand Lodge which would be supreme over Ancient Craft Masonry throughout the United States of America, one which would be invested with supreme legislative, administrative and judicial authority.

Of what benefit would a supreme governing body be?

It would afford the unity of purpose and procedure, the protection resulting from combined strength, the fixation of authority, and the uniformity of ceremonials which the proponents of a General Grand Lodge believe to be desirable. It would centralize all Masonic final authority. On the other hand, it would strip Grand Lodges of sovereignty, leaving them only such deputed authority as the supreme body saw fit to permit and relegate them to mere contact and supervisory organizations. It would encroach further upon the already too greatly circumscribed local self-governing authority of subordinate or constituent lodges—the most important unit in the entire system of the institution, and the unit upon which depends the welfare and efficiency of Masonry. It would derogate from the fundamental equality of brethren by creating additional officials of high title, who would inevitably be



unresponsive to the wishes and ideals of the individual Mason.

The other extreme from a General Grand Lodge with supreme authority would be one which by constitutional limitations is bereft of practically all power and authority, although, of course, there may be intermediate gradations between the two extremes.

What benefits would accrue from a restricted General Grand Lodge?

Uniformity of ritual, the desirability of which is seriously questioned, could be accomplished, provided control of the ritual was relinquished by Grand Lodges. In the rare cases where the comity of Grand Lodges is disturbed a General Grand Lodge might prove an effective mediator or be permitted to exercise judicial authority. It would provide a medium through which welfare and relief work could be carried out in cases of calamities in which the entire nation is concerned. It might serve as a quasi official mouthpiece in speaking for the fraternity as a whole.

If a General Grand Lodge is intrusted with but scant authority, or charged with minor or immaterial functions, it would be merely an additional piece of machinery, and the chief result would be the opportunity for the aggrandizement of ambitious individuals by the attainment of higher titles and honors. The objections to a General Grand Lodge with supreme authority will apply to some extent to any General Grand Lodge, no matter how much its powers are defined and circumscribed. Such a body will inevitably from time to time usurp or acquire additional authority. The tendency of such a body to legislate by indirection has frequently been demonstrated.

We see no need for a General Grand Lodge of Masons in America, and there is certainly but slight probability of one ever being established, even if we grant that fortuitous circumstances might make it possible.

## United Masonic Relief

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(Continued from Last Issue)

*(Previously we have told of the Masonic relief rendered at the time of the Japanese earthquake in 1923 and part of the story of the Florida hurricane of 1926. That story is now continued and shows with what thoroughness the needs of the Craft in that stricken section were cared for.—Ed.)*

The disaster was too great to be relieved without the contributions of all Masons who could give. It appeared worse as time, investigation and reports from outlying sections presented the whole of the desolate picture, which showed that the first appeal had understated the need.

Grand Master Fish sped to Washington, accompanied by A. B. Stewart, deputy of the A. A. S. R. in

Florida, and after a conference with the executive secretary of The Masonic Service Association, an appeal was made to all grand masters, all grand high priests, all grand commanders, grand commanders of the Scottish Rite, the grand master of the general grand chapter, the grand master of the general grand council, the grand master of the grand encampment, the imperial potente of the Mystic Shrine and the grand monarch of the Grotto.

This telegram was signed by the grand master and the executive secretary of the Association. Letters explanatory of the conditions were sent out, and a full account of all that had been done and yet remained

to do, published in the Association's journal, *The Master Mason*; this was signed by Grand Master Cary B. Fish, Grand Secretary W. P. Webster, Andrew Foulds, Jr., P. G. M., chairman of the executive commission of the Association, and the executive secretary, Andrew L. Randall, P. G. M.

In his report to the Grand Lodge of Florida, 1927, the grand master stated:

"By reason of this appeal, funds have been received from the several grand jurisdictions amounting to \$111,652.73, of which amount \$96,749.17 was contributed by grand jurisdictions outside the state of Florida.

"The contributions received from the appeal sent out by the grand master in connection with The Masonic Service Association and received by the grand master were deposited by him in a special fund, from which he drew checks to the chairmen of the different relief committees. The grand master acted as general chairman of all the relief committees, and the several committees, not having sufficient money to take care of all those who had suffered in the hurricane, directed their first efforts to temporary relief, then to rehabilitation, they attempting first to rehabilitate the homes of the widows and children of Masons; next the Masons with large families."

The auditor's report gives \$114,236.97 as the total receipts from all sources. The grand master stated:

"The cost of the collection and disbursements, including all expenses, was less than 1 per cent, so that out of every dollar received for relief work, a little over ninety-nine cents went into actual relief. This, however, could only be accomplished by reason of the fact that the brethren gave willingly of their time and the use of their automobiles, in order to carry out our relief program and no salaries were paid to any members of the committees, although they worked day and night.

"The committee assisted 527 families, besides the assistance to the refugees of which no record was made. Assistance was given to 299 Masons and their families who were not affiliated with any lodge in Florida, and 228 whose memberships were in Florida lodges."

That this large sum of money was administered for relief at an administration expense of less than 1 per cent is repeated for emphasis. Ninety-nine cents out of every dollar contributed went for Masonic relief, which could not have been made possible without the unselfish devotion of a host of devoted Masons who donated unstintingly of their time and effort to relieve the distressed brethren in the state, nor would it have been possible to reduce the expense to this low figure had it not been for the time, telegraph charges and services given by The Masonic Service Association.

The expressions of gratitude and appreciation, written by Florida brethren, will be found below:

#### FLORIDA HURRICANE RELIEF FINANCES, 1926

Contributions were received from Masons from forty-seven states and the District of Columbia, and, together with those received from four grand bodies and one association were acknowledged by the grand master in his annual report to the grand lodge, 1927, as follows:

Alabama .....	\$2,901.13
Arizona .....	590.00
California .....	2,500.00
Colorado .....	3,082.27
Connecticut .....	2,788.55
Delaware .....	263.20
District of Columbia .....	1,579.50
Florida .....	14,903.46
Georgia .....	932.00
Idaho .....	400.00
Illinois .....	4,025.00
Indiana .....	1,000.00
Iowa .....	600.00
Kansas .....	1,600.00
Kentucky .....	200.00
Louisiana .....	1,050.00
Maine .....	450.00
Maryland .....	1,000.00
Massachusetts .....	6,499.76
Michigan .....	700.00
Minnesota .....	1,701.72
Mississippi .....	1,050.00
Missouri .....	2,525.00
Montana .....	600.00
Nebraska .....	3,016.50
Nevada .....	250.00
New Hampshire .....	500.00
New Jersey .....	8,855.00
New Mexico .....	655.50
New York .....	6,525.00
North Carolina .....	2,196.95
North Dakota .....	500.00
Ohio .....	5,200.00
Oklahoma .....	475.00
Oregon .....	500.00
Pennsylvania .....	5,500.00
Rhode Island .....	1,986.27
South Carolina .....	2,072.86
South Dakota .....	661.50
Tennessee .....	500.00
Texas .....	6,197.50
Utah .....	130.00
Vermont .....	275.00
Virginia .....	1,225.00
Washington .....	1,050.90
West Virginia .....	363.10
Wisconsin .....	4,525.00
Wyoming .....	300.06
Supreme Council, 33 Degree Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction General Grand Council R. A. M. of U. S.....	2,500.00
	1,000.00

General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters .....	250.00
Supreme Tall Cedars ....	1,000.00
Masonic Relief Association of United States and Canada .....	500.00
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	\$111,652.73

A contribution of \$3,600 from the Imperial Council A. A. O. N. M. S. was acknowledged in the grand master's report, as having been sent to the "Relief Committee at Miami." A number of other contributions made as a result of the appeal did not come either to Grand Master Fish, or through The Masonic Service Association. Many relief agencies were at work in Florida; citizens' committees, the Red Cross, various clubs and other fraternities received some Masonic contributions. Not being handled either by the Grand Master of Florida, or The Masonic Service Association, such sums are not included in this summary, although gratefully acknowledged by Grand Master Fish in other paragraphs in his report.

Grand Master Cary B. Fish turned the records of the contributions and expenditures over to a certified public accountant, a copy of whose audit is as follows:

"Tampa, Florida, April 9, 1927.  
 To Whom It May Concern;  
 Receipts from all  
 sources .....\$114,236.97  
 Expenditures:  
 Miami, Hollywood, Ft.  
 Lauderdale, Dania  
 and East Coast Sec-  
 tion ..... 91,536.97  
 Moore Haven, Sebring  
 and Lake District ..... 22,700.00  
 \$114,236.97

"I hereby certify that I have examined the books of record and vouchers covering expenditures, and that the above is a true and correct statement of all monies received and expended by Brother Cary B. Fish, Grand Master of Masons of Florida, for relief among the members of the fraternity, who suffered during the recent storm.

Fraternally,  
 A. B. STEUART,  
 Accountant and Deputy of  
 the Supreme Council in  
 Southern Florida."

#### THE MISSISSIPPI FLOOD OF 1927

The Father of Waters has never shown his contempt for man's efforts to make the lowlands of the middle south safe against his encroachments in such violent form as in the great flood of 1927.

Ten counties of Mississippi with a total of seven hundred and thirty-five thousand acres were flooded. Thirty-five counties suffered similar fate in Arkansas. Nearly one-third of Louisiana was under water. The total flood damage throughout the entire flood area will never be known accurately, but was estimated to be at least half a billion dollars.

More than twenty thousand members of the Masonic Fraternity affiliated with more than two hundred lodges in the jurisdictions of Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi, were materially affected by the floods. Many of them lost everything they had in the world.

Many towns and cities were under water, and millions of acres of land, homes, personal effects, live stock, farming implements and crops were totally destroyed as levee after levee gave way before the mighty onrush of the waters. The helplessness and hopelessness of multiplied thousands of people, the destruction of hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of property and the toll of disease and death, were beyond description.

Earthquake, tornado and hurricane strike swiftly; their horrors are emphasized by their speed. At one moment all is peace and safety; in the next, death and destruction, the shrieks of the wounded and the despairing cries of the mortally stricken fill the air.

Flood is slower. It is swift enough, but gives its victims a little warning, and it swells to its maximum at a less violent tempo. To many this seems to make it less dreadful. Yet its results are the same in the end.

The Mississippi flood was accompanied by loss of life small in comparison to the number of people affected, but the surroundings of the deaths from disease and exposure were heartrending. A peculiarly horrible feature for the survivors of those who could not stand the hardships of the levee tops was the impossibility of giving ordinary burial. To dig into the levee was to invite

new disaster; the only remaining expedient was to bury the bodies in the very river which had caused their demise.

Thousands of refugees, white and colored together, crowded the levee tops. Pigs, cattle, horses, cows, chickens wandered hungrily up and down among the human beings. At first there were no shelters and but little food; the levee tops were concentration camps of misery and disease. Mud, rain, cold, hunger, exposure, hopelessness, are hard on the strongest; for the women and children they were often fatal. Relief was hampered, in spite of money and willingness, by lack of sufficient motor boats, difficulties of navigation, and the constantly spreading flood waters which turned the safe ground of to-day into the flooded area of tomorrow.

In his report to the grand lodge, 1928, Grand Master James H. Johnson tells the story:

"On April 21, 1927, at seven o'clock in the morning, the levee at Stopp's Landing, in Washington County, Mississippi, gave way, precipitating the greatest flood in the history of our country and decidedly the greatest disaster that had befallen our beloved State.

"Within less than forty-eight hours, more than 861,000 acres of the richest farming lands in Mississippi were inundated from ten to twenty feet deep. The cities of Greenville, Leland, Hollandale, Rolling Fork and numerous other towns were in the wake of this flood, which carried death before its onraging torrent. Hundreds of lives were lost, and thousands of live stock, to say nothing of the millions of dollars worth of property destroyed. All railroad communication was cut off and the only method of transportation was by motor boat. Aeroplanes rendered assistance by carrying medicine and food which were dropped on the tops of levees and houses for the people congregated there.

"This flood was most disastrous and of long duration, not receding from all the lands before the middle of July, causing practically a complete crop failure except on the high ridges. Only a small cotton and feed crop was raised. A large number of people were left in destitute circumstances."

M. W. James H. Rowland, Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana, stat-

ed to his grand lodge in his annual message, 1928:

"During the year of my administration, Louisiana and Louisiana Masons were visited by the most devastating flood in the history of our country. Nearly one-third of the area of Louisiana was covered with water, a large proportion of our population was rendered homeless, crops were destroyed, cattle and other property were lost, and thousands of our people rendered destitute."

The grand master in Arkansas, M. W. W. M. Kent, stated in his report to his grand lodge, in November, 1927:

"By far the most disastrous occurrence during the year, which affected so many of the brethren over the greater part of the Southland, was the flood which devastated so much of our State and brought distress and ruin to so many of our brethren."

On April 23, 1927, The Masonic Service Association telegraphed the Grand Master of Mississippi as follows:

"Washington, D. C., April 23, 1927.

"To-day's press reports would seem to indicate flood damage in Mississippi and Louisiana of a very extensive character. The Masonic Service Association is able and anxious to function in every proper way in emergency needs for Masonic relief. The entire membership and organization of the Association is at your call to such an extent as may be needed. Am wiring Edwin F. Gayle, Lake Charles, Louisiana, grand master, a similar offer of assistance, and am requesting Prentiss B. Carter, executive commissioner for your division, Franklyn, Louisiana, to get in touch with you and with this office. Please wire me your opinion of conditions and your desire in the premises. If conditions are as serious and extensive as dispatches indicate, I would suggest a joint survey by yourself, Grand Master Gayle and Judge Carter, that the actual need might be fairly ascertained. In the meantime you may count on every member jurisdiction in the Association for such immediate relief as circumstances demand, and for full co-operation from the executive commission and myself. Please answer by wire.

ANDREW L. RANDELL,  
*Executive Secretary.*"

The Grand Master of Mississippi answered immediately as follows: "Clarkdale, Miss., April 23, 1927.

"Your telegram just received. Conditions Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana bad as indicated in papers, particularly Arkansas and Mississippi, thousands of acres under water and thousands of people out of homes, live stock, personal property lost. I sent out call this morning to Masons of Mississippi to respond, practically entire western section of Mississippi in need. Will appreciate contributions sent to Edward L. Fauchette, grand secretary, Meridian, Mississippi, who will see same are dispensed and proper acknowledgments made. Will get in touch with brethren named in your telegram.

JAMES H. JOHNSON,  
Grand Master."

Immediately the Association sent out the following telegram to every grand master of Masons in the United States:

"A hasty survey of the Mississippi flood area indicates greater need for Masonic relief than in Florida. The Grand Master of Mississippi has telegraphed his appeal for organized Masonic relief. I leave to-night for conference with grand masters of Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee in New Orleans at Masonic Temple, Tuesday morning.

"Conditions and needs disclosed in this conference will be communicated to you by wire on Tuesday. A telegram from you to this conference, care John A. Davilla, grand secretary in Louisiana, was appointed.

The conference called upon the grand masters of all grand lodges, and the heads of all other sovereign Masonic bodies, for co-operation, pledging the willingness of your jurisdiction to co-operate, as far as the facts to be sent to you may in your judgment seem to warrant, will be appreciated.

ANDREW L. RANDELL,  
Executive Secretary."

The invitation to meet the executive secretary at the New Orleans conference was issued by Grand Master Edwin F. Gayle, of Louisiana. On Tuesday, April 26, in the office of R. W. John A. Davilla, a conference was held with Grand Master Gayle, his grand secretary, and other members of his official family, and with Past Grand Masters Marsh Hainer, George D. Riley and Thomas Q. Ellis, of Mississippi, representing Grand Master James H. Johnson of

that jurisdiction, who was unable to attend the conference because of his activities in flood relief. Telegrams were received from the grand masters of Arkansas and Tennessee, stating that it would be impossible for them to be present. Grand Master William M. Kent, of Arkansas, detained by illness, authorized the use of his name in such appeals as the conference should see fit to send out to the various grand jurisdictions, and later appointed Deputy Grand Master H. D. Bowers to represent the Jurisdiction of Arkansas upon the Board of Control of Masonic Flood Relief, organized by the conference. Grand Master Johnson, of Mississippi, tendered his complete endorsement and co-operation by telegraph and telephone.

The conference designated a Board of Control for Masonic Flood Relief and Rehabilitation, composed of the following: M. W. James H. Johnson, grand master in Mississippi, chairman; M. W. Edwin F. Gayle, grand master in Louisiana, vice chairman; R. W. H. D. Bowers, deputy grand master in Arkansas; M. W. Prentiss B. Carter, past grand master in Louisiana, executive commissioner of The Masonic Service Association; M. W. Andrew L. Rundell, past grand master in Texas, executive secretary of The Masonic Service Association, secretary.

As treasurer of the fund, R. W. John A. Davilla, grand secretary in Louisiana, was appointed.

The conference called upon the grand masters of all grand lodges, and the heads of all other sovereign

Masonic bodies, for co-operation, the contribution of all available funds for immediate relief, and the circularizing of their constituent bodies for the raising of funds sufficient to take care of the work of rehabilitation of Masons and their families in the flooded area. This call was sent by wire and was followed by a letter stating the facts at greater length.

During the first two days of its sittings, the board received telegrams of sympathy and pledges of support from the grand masters of nearly all jurisdictions in the United States. Many meetings of the entire board were held in New Orleans.

The conference ordered all funds to be deposited by R. W. John A. Davilla, treasurer, in a special bank

account to the credit of "Masonic Flood Relief Fund," to be distributed on the order of the Board of Control, and upon the signature of John A. Davilla, treasurer. A strict account was kept of all receipts and disbursements.

A fund of three thousand dollars for immediate use was placed in the hands of the Grand Master of Mississippi, and one thousand dollars set aside to cover the necessary expenses.

A rapid but thorough survey was undertaken, under the direction of the grand masters.

The office of R. W. John A. Davilla, in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, was the headquarters of the board, in charge of the executive secretary of The Masonic Service Association while he remained in New Orleans; thereafter, R. W. Brother Ernest E. Sykes, assistant secretary, took charge.

The result is history. No compilation of statistics, no matter how elaborate and impressive, can convey any idea of what six hundred thousand dollars of Masonic relief meant to men, women and children rendered homeless and helpless by this disaster. On file in all three grand lodges are pathetic and grateful letters stating what the Masonic relief meant in conveying hope, in giving a new start in life, in preventing sickness or starvation for women and children . . . could the Masons of the United States read those letters they would think their help, aid and assistance to distressed worthy brethren had brought them reward past all belief.

The grand master of Masons in Mississippi said of The Masonic Service Association:

"I cannot close this flood report without expressing my appreciation to each member of the board for his courtesies and co-operation. Particularly do I want to mention Bro. John A. Davilla, our treasurer, who has handled our funds without a cent of expense, and also Bro. Ernest E. Sykes, who took charge of the office and gave his time and so ably handled the correspondence without compensation or thought of reward. These two brethren have not only given their time, but have rendered every assistance to the writer."

This disaster was the greatest in which the Masonic Service Association was called upon to justify its

existence as a national relief agency. How well it answered, the Masonic world knows. It proved itself a sharp tool, a capable servant.

American Freemasons were here confronted with the greatest need and the greatest opportunity for organized, unified, national, Masonic relief and rehabilitation in our history. They responded to the appeal sent out by the Association, and served the need promptly and generously.

They demonstrated that the lesson of the rite of destitution had been nobly learned, and proved the second of the principal tenets of our order to be no empty declaration.

#### MISSISSIPPI FLOOD RELIEF FINANCES

*From the report of George A. Treadwell, C. P. A., to M. W. James H. Johnson, Chairman Board of Masonic Relief, November 8, 1928.*

RECEIPTS  
Donations \$605,603.17  
Interest on bank balances 2,688.74

\$608,291.91

DISBURSEMENTS  
Relief \$599,786.86  
Expenses 7,202.21  
Cash on hand<sup>1</sup> 1,302.84

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DETAILS OF RECEIPTS  
Donations Received April 27, 1927, to January 14, 1928.

NATIONAL  
General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons \$1,000.00  
Grand Council of the U. S. Royal and Select Masters 500.00  
Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U. S. A. 5,000.00  
Supreme Council 33° A. A. Scottish Rite Masons Northern Jurisdiction 2,500.00  
General Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star 300.00  
Imperial Council A. A. O. Nobles Mystic Shrine 2,500.00  
Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon 1,000.00  
Masonic Relief Association 1,400.00  
Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile 500.00

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## TWELVE FATHERS IN MASONRY

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### LAURENCE DERMOTT *"The Father of the Royal Arch"*

Laurence Dermott was an Irishman initiated in Lodge No. 26, Dublin. He was the Second Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master of the "Anglo-Irish" or "Ancient" Grand Lodge of England.

To him the Royal Arch owes its present nomenclature and its existing position, if not its very name.

In 1756 he compiled and edited the first "Ahiman Rezon," a work invented by Dermott, which book bears undoubted indications of having been copied from Spratt's Irish Constitutions of 1751. Dermott and the "antient" Grand Lodge fostered military lodges and issued 327 of these wararnts. The "antient" Grand Lodge worked the same ritual as the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, and these three Grand Lodges issued nine-tenths of the military lodges (warrants) which spread Freemasonry over America, Canada and the world generally. It can never, therefore, be estimated what the Freemasonry of the world owes Brother Dermott and his Irish ritual.

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In 1721 he delivered before the Grand Lodge, "an eloquent oration about Masons and Masonry."

He initiated in 1731 the Grand Duke of Tuscany and in 1737 Frederick, Prince of Wales. We are told that on his visit to the Lodge of Edinburgh, in 1721, he first introduced Speculative Masonry into Scotland.

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1816, near Boston, Mass., and died at LaGrange, Ky., 1888. He traveled extensively in Europe and the Orient, and was one of the founders of the first W. M. of The Royal Solomon Mother Lodge No. 293 (Canadian registry), in Jerusalem. Brother Morris was initiated in Lodge No. 33, Oxford, Miss., 1846. Dr. Morris was father of Masonic Belles-Lettres, his best known works being "The Lights and Shadows of Freemasonry," "Life in the Triangle," "The Two St. Johns," and his "Universal Masonic Library," a standard work of 30 octavo volumes.

ANDREW MICHAEL RAMSEY  
*"The Father of Masonic High Grades"*

Chevalier Ramsey was of Scotch origin, born in 1668, and a cultured and highly educated gentleman, a great writer and a greater traveler.

He lived most of his life in France and loomed largely in the political turmoil of the Jacobite times.

He was initiated into Freemasonry in Paris and to him is attributed the multiplication of the high degrees.

Tradition tells us the "Royal Arch" was his workmanship and certainly Templarism owes much to his famous oration of 1740.

He certainly fathered many degrees, and his several rites to his credit. The Kadosh, one of the most important and extensively diffused of all the high degrees, owes its invention to the chevalier as does the "Rite of Ramsey."

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON  
*"The Father of Masonic Symbolism"*

Was an attorney by profession; born at Barnard Castle, Durham (England), in 1732, and died in 1814.

His well-known and standard work, "The Spirit of Masonry," was published in 1775 with the permission of the Grand Lodge. This book, says Wooford, will "ever remain a lasting monument both to his learning and ingenuity, a fitting epitaph, so to say, in

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### WILLIAM PRESTON

*"The Father of Masonic History"*

Brother Preston gave the Craft a history both interesting and lucid in his ever-famous book, "Illustrations of Masonry," published in 1772, and which ran through twelve editions. He

is known as the father of Masonic history; he received from the Grand Lodge of York a warrant for "The Grand Lodge of England South of the River Trent," but on his reconciliation to the "Modern" Grand Lodge, "The Grand Lodge of England South of the

River Trent" came to an end. Brother Preston died in 1818, in his 76th year, beloved and honored by his Masonic brethren. He bequeathed \$1,500, the interest of which was to provide for the annual delivery of a lecture according to the system he had elaborated. This lecture, known as the Prestonian Lecture, is regularly delivered in London.

### ELIAS ASHMOLE

*"The Father of the Speculative Masonry to the World"*

Brother Ashmole, born in 1617, was initiated at Warrington in 1646. He was a "gentleman of letters," and a lawyer by profession.

From researches it has been proved that Ashmole was not a member of the "Masons Company" or gild. In his celebrated diary, he writes that he was summoned to a lodge in Mason's Hall, Basinghall street, London, of the "Fellowship of Freemasons," which was composed of separate Freemasons, not of the operative class, but gentlemen, men of letters, and of the professions. He is, so far as has yet been discov-

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**GEORGE OLIVER, D.D.**  
"The Father of Masonic Archaeology"

Doctor Oliver was born at Popplewick, Northamptonshire (England), in 1782. His father, Bro. the Rev. Samuel Oliver, was rector of Labley.

George Oliver was initiated in 1801, and until his death in 1867 was an ardent and enthusiastic Freemason.

He was the first writer on Masonic Archaeology. Amongst his best known works are "Signs and Symbols of Freemasonry," "The Antiquities of Freemasonry," "The Revelations of a Square," "The Book of the Lodge," and "A Dictionary of Symbolic Masonry."

As an honest Masonic writer his name is a household word with all students of the Craft. Dr. Oliver believed that the order was to be found in the earliest periods of recorded history, even back to Seth and Noah.

**JAMES ANDERSON, D.D.**  
"The Father of the Constitutions"

The first official account of Freemasonry was compiled by Brother Anderson by order of the Grand Lodge of England.

He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1684, and died in 1738.

Dr. Anderson was a Presbyterian minister to Swallow Street, "Scot Kirk," Picadilly, London. He wrote an account of the guild legends and maintained that the true history of Freemasonry went back through the history of these guilds to the earliest ages, and in a clear and concise manner he filled the order of the Grand Lodge, "To peruse, correct and digest into a new better method the history of changes and regulations of the ancient fraternity," which digest resulted in what we know as "The First Book of Constitutions," published 1723.

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**THOMAS DUNCKERLEY**  
"The Father of Masonic Knight  
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Sir Knight Dunckerley was initiated in 1754. He was first Grand Master of the Masonic Knights Templar in 1791.

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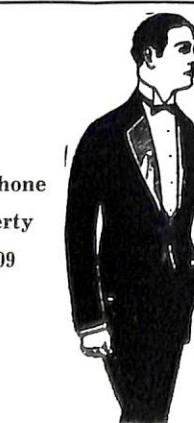
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**THOMAS SMITH WEBB**  
"The Father of American Ritual"

Brother Webb borrowed from the Prestonian Lectures, just as Jeremy L. Cross borrowed from his monitor.

Born in 1771, he was in his day the most prominent Mason in America, and his book, published in 1797, "The Free-mason's Monitor, or Illustrations of Masonry," was for many years a standard. His active brain acting on Preston's work formulated many of the extraordinary differences found in English and American rituals.

He invented more than one degree, and re-arranged the Royal Arch to suit American ideas.

Cross, the imitator and follower of Webb, published his "True Masonic Chart, or Hieroglyphic Mirror" in 1819, and in 1820 brought out his "Templar's Chart" which as a monitor of the degrees of chivalry met with great success.

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With their father acting as Master, three brothers received the Master Mason's Degree at a recent communication of Brotherhood Lodge No. 269, St. Joseph, Mo. A fifth member of the family, J. H. Smith, a brother-in-law, who assisted the father is the regular Master of the lodge.

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#### FIRST MET IN LOG CABIN

Plans are being made by Nova Caesarea Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 2, of Cincinnati, O., to celebrate its 140th anniversary on Sept. 9. This is the oldest Masonic lodge in the city and one of the oldest in the state.

In 1800, meetings were held in a log cabin on the river bank and a member

could almost paddle his canoe up to the door of the meeting house. The cabin was located near what is now Main Street. A plot near this site and on which the former Masonic Temple, now the Central Office Building, was situated was given the lodge in trust by William McMillan about 1800. The donor had been made a member of the lodge during the time it met in the cabin and a Cincinnati lodge now bears his name.

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missioners and two surveyors, Andrew Ellicott and Major Peter Charles L'Enfant. Three days later the commissioners held their first meeting in Georgetown, and three days after that, on April 15, 1791, there was laid with solemn and elaborate Masonic ceremonials, the corner-stone of the Capital City at Jones Point Light House, Alexandria, Va.

When Mr. Ellicott had ascertained the precise place from which the first line of the District was to proceed, the Master of the Masonic lodge and Dr. Stuart, assisted by others of their brethren, placed the stone, after which a deposit of corn, wine and oil was made upon it.

#### NEW TEMPLE IN CHINA

A new Masonic temple—the fourth—is now in the course of erection in Shanghai, China, the corner-stone of which has just been laid by the Deputy District Grand Master of the English Jurisdiction, assisted by representatives of the Irish and English Constitutions.

In the early days of Masonry in Shanghai the first meetings were held in premises of Chinese construction and the first mention of the completed "New Lodge Room" is found upon a lodge circular, dated March 9, 1855. Financial difficulties entailed the sale of the property and the second hall came into being, followed by a third, dedicated in 1867. This building was reconstructed in 1912 and served till a few years ago when a transfer was made to a temporary home.

#### FOREIGN MASON'S VISIT

While in Washington, D. C., on May 8, Lord Ampthill, 33°, Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England and a member of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite Masonry, of that country; Lord Wraxall, Prov. Grand Master of Bristol, and C. R. I. Nicholl, Grand Director of Ceremonies, United Grand Lodge of England, visited the House of the Temple, headquarters of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction. These dis-

tinguished Masons were greeted and welcomed by Secretary General Hyman W. Witcover, 33°,—Grand Commander John H. Cowles being absent from the city on official visitation to Scottish Rite Bodies in the state of Washington. They were accompanied on their visit by Melvin M. Johnson, of Boston, Mass., an Active Member of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; Bainbridge Colby, 18°, Secretary of State under President Wilson's administration, and F. Curry Severance of New York City.

Another group of distinguished Masons of alien lands visited the Temple during the following week. This group represented the "Universala Freemason Ligo" (Universal League of Freemasons) and consisted of Dr. Emile Papiniu, Pro Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Roumania; Dr. Leo Salzman, Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient; Dr. Ing. Frank Hanaman, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Jugoslavia; Leo Eisner, of Czechoslovakia; Dr. Erich Dittmann, of Berlin, Germany; Robert Schwartz, of Switzerland, and Isidor Haim, of France. During their stay in Washington members of the delegation were entertained by the Supreme Council.

#### RALLY AGAINST CRIME

A call for members of the Masonic fraternity to rally against the forces of "disorder and dishonesty, which menace the integrity of our Government and the peace of the world" was sounded by William Pattangall, Chief Justice of

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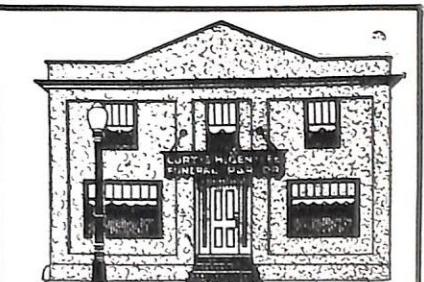
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Maine, in a recent address before the Grand Lodge of Masons of that state.

Terming it an organization aloof from partisan politics and unconcerned with class distinction and racial origins, Chief Justice Pattangall deemed Masonry especially fitted to aid in cleaning out political combinations "of organized greed and organized crime, a combination which is substituting for the rule of the people a feudal system as vicious as that which dominated Europe in the Middle Ages and hardly less powerful or difficult to overthrow."

Such combinations have spread, he said, until they have affected "not only the election of minor officials but the selection of a Governor of a great state, of a Senator of the United States, of a national Congressman. In states in which the judiciary is elective, the choice of those who preside over the courts may and frequently does depend upon the support of an alliance between corrupt financial interests and gangs of criminals."

#### EIGHT LODGES JOIN IN DEGREE TEAM

More than 1400 members of the Masonic fraternity, representing lodges in Savannah, Ga., and guests from near-by cities, attended a joint Masonic communication held recently in the Municipal Auditorium. The degrees were conferred upon one candidate from each of the following lodges: Solomons Lodge No. 1; Zerubbabel Lodge No. 15; Clinton Lodge No. 54; Landrum Lodge No. 48; Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 231; Acacia Lodge No. 462; Richard T. Turner Lodge No. 116, and Guyton Lodge No. 428. The Masters of these lodges filled the chairs during the conferring of the degrees.

William G. Meador, Gainesville, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and other officers of the Grand Lodge were present on this occasion.

#### NEW RESEARCH LODGE

An American Lodge of Research was formed at the 150th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York. The membership of this lodge

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The Grand Master of New York in his annual address at this communication reported that there were now 1,023 lodges in the state with a membership of over 347,000. He said that the sum of \$1,297,500 was spent by the Grand Lodge for charities during 1930. The expenditures were itemized as follows: \$675,000 by the Grand Trustees; \$600,000 by the various lodges; \$18,000 to American Red Cross for flood relief; \$2,500 for destitute children in Porto Rico; \$2,000 for relief in Santo Domingo.

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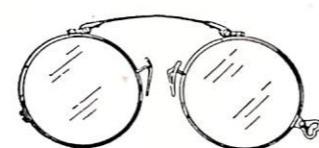
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of the various lodges throughout the state. In this connection he recalled that one of the 10 Masonic districts in New York City maintains a summer camp for boys of all creeds and races, and that another metropolitan district has also supported for years its own camp for girls of the tenement house districts. Another Masonic charity is supported by a small group of lodges which last year spent \$11,246 for Christmas cheer among the city's underprivileged children.

The Grand Master urged all the lodges to observe the 200th anniversary of Washington's birthday next February and advocated a fifty-cent per capita contribution of the Masons of the State for the George Washington-Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Va.

#### BLIND MASON ACTIVE

A fine example of a man who has refused to let physical disabilities discourage him is Capt. Gerald Lowry of Welcome Lodge No. 1673, London, Eng. Captain Lowry lost his eyesight in the early part of the World War during the fighting at Mons. Following this, in 1915, he commenced medical studies at Middlesex Hospital, qualifying as a certified masseur. He was added to the hospital staff and continued his work at St. Thomas' Hospital during the war. He was one of the first blind men in Europe to study anatomy on dissections. After the war he continued his studies and for three years he carried on in East London a clinic for the poor and successfully treated thousands of cases.

In 1925 he was initiated into Welcome Lodge and since that time has held several offices in the lodge. At the present time he is serving as Junior Warden. He is also a member of Ulster Lodge No. 2972, and a member of Ravensbourne Chapter No. 1601, R. A. M.

#### REFUSES RECOGNITION

At the June meeting of the United Grand Lodge of England a petition for recognition on the part of the "Grand Lodge of the Polar Star of Norway,"

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at Trondhjem, was carefully considered. It developed that upon receiving the application the grand registrar made inquiry of the Grand Lodge of Norway, with which the English Grand Lodge is on the most friendly terms, and found that the legally constituted Grand Lodge of Norway did not recognize this new body. Therefore the United Grand Lodge of England, in accordance with unbroken Masonic custom and tradition, refused to accord recognition.

The English Grand Lodge has granted recognition to the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia and to the Grand Lodge Lessing zu den drei Ringen, the latter also in Czechoslovakia, its membership being composed of German-speaking Masons.

#### SUCCEEDS SIR ALFRED ROBBINS

James Russell McLaren, P.G.D., has been appointed president of the Board of General Purposes, succeeding the late Sir Alfred Robbins, who filled that important position for some years. Mr. McLaren has attained considerable prominence in English Freemasonry, having been initiated in the Malmesbury Lodge No. 3156, in 1910, later serving as master. He is also a past master of the Grand Stewards Lodge and is a Scottish Rite Mason.

#### MEXICAN PRESIDENT RECEIVES 33°

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President Rubio received the degrees of Masonry while he was with the Mexican legation, resident in Brazil.

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Filipinos resident in Washington, D. C., observed the seventieth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Jose Rizal, native patriot and martyr, on June 19. Dr. Rizal, an able writer and linguist, served as Venerable Master of Lakan-dola Lodge of Perfection at Manila. He was born June 19, 1861, at Calamba, Laguna, P. I., and for a time was Associate Professor of History at the University of the Philippines. Accused of treason by the Spanish authorities this patriot was publicly executed by a firing squad on the field of Bagumbayan, Manila, December 30, 1896.

His memory is signally honored by his fellow countrymen in that a province near Manila bears his name, and cities in three other provinces are named after him; the anniversary of his death is a public holiday throughout the Philippines; a memorial school has been built by the Insular Government in his native town; his home in exile has been made a national park; the Philippine Legislature during the Great War appropriated funds for the construction of a destroyer named *Rizal*, manned by Filipinos and given to the American Navy; Senor Rizal's portrait appears on the Philippine two-peso bill and on the two-centavos postage stamp; his mausoleum is on Manila's Luneta, monuments to him are in the chief plazas of most of the larger towns, and even the smallest village has its "Calle Rizal."

The Washington meeting was presided over by Dr. Diosdado M. Yap and an address delivered by Isaac M. Capayas, president of the Visayan Circle, under whose auspices the meeting was held.

**MASON IS SYNOD MODERATOR**  
Dr. John C. Palmer, 33°, pastor of Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., was unanimously elected moderator at the first business session of the annual conference of the Synod of Baltimore held in connection with the Women's Synodical Society of Missions of the Presbyterian Church at Hood College, on June 18.

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**PANAMA GRAND LODGE**  
The Grand Lodge of Panama at its 15th Annual Communication held recently, had quite a successful and encouraging session. It is a very progressive grand lodge, small, of course in membership because its field of operations is very limited. It has splendid officers, and the supreme council of the Scottish Rite is likewise prospering and is splendidly officered also.

The Grand Lodge has now established relations of amity with about two-thirds of the grand lodges in the United States and with many of the regular grand lodges in other countries as well.

The Supreme Council of Panama is a member of the International Conference of Supreme Councils of the World.

**EMINENT JURIST MASON DIES**  
Frederick Lincoln Siddons, Associate Justice of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, and considered one of the most brilliant members of the Bar in the Nation's Capital, passed away June 19.

Born in London, Eng., Justice Siddons came to Washington, D. C., as a boy of fourteen, residing there ever since. He was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the District in 1887 and was appointed to the bench in 1915, attaining prominence as presiding justice in the trial of Harry Sinclair

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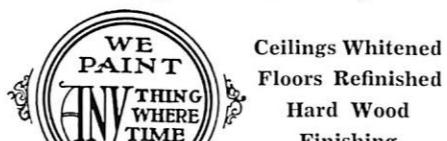
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Hubby (on phone)—Sorry, honey, I'll be awfully busy at the office and can't be home till late.

Wifey—Can I depend on that?

## JUST MOTHER-IN-LAW

Usher (to cold, dignified lady)—Are you a friend of the groom,

The Lady—Indeed, no; I am the bride's mother.

## EXPLAINED

Little Grace—Why are there no marriages in heaven, daddy?

Daddy (after stealthy glance around)—Because that would not be heaven, my dear.

## EVASIVE

She—Am I the first girl you ever kissed?

He—Well, now that you remind me of it, you do look familiar.

## THAT'S WHAT BEAUTIES DO

"What must one do to have beautiful hands?"

"Nothing."

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Dumb—We're going to give the bride a shower. Will you come?

Dumber—Sure.

Dumb—You will have to bring something.

Dumber—All right; I'll bring the soap.

## THE BUSY DENTIST

"I am sorry," said the dentist, "but you cannot have an appointment with me this afternoon. I have 18 cavities to fill." And he picked up his golf-bag and went out.

## CROSSED WIRES

Mistress—This pie is absolutely poisonous?

Cook—I made it from a radio recipe—but there was a chemistry lecture coming through from another station at the same time.

## PROFLANE PEDESTRIANS

I never knew till I got to running a car that profanity was so prevalent. Nearly everybody I bump into swears dreadfully.

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"Excuse me, madam," said the fat man, "I did not push. I merely sighed."

## CLEVER

Rastus: "You says anything to me, big boy, an' I'll make you eat yo' words."

Most: "Chicken dumplin's, hot biscuits, water melon!"

## COVERAGE

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## *It Could Not Happen*

*One Would Say—But it Did Happen!*

A New Mexico stock buyer recently lost a hand and foot as the result of an unusual accident. Taking out his gun to shoot a coyote, he set it up against his car while he sat on the running-board to remove some gravel from his shoe. In some manner the gun fell from its position; the accidental discharge entered his left hand and foot, and they both had to be amputated. One could hardly dream, in advance, that both a hand and a foot could be hit simultaneously with a shot from one barrel—but that is just what happened in this case.

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